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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Please allow the internet service provider market to become more competitive. The large incumbent providers seem to be trying to limit competition via a technical back door to prevent upstarts from poaching on what they consider to be their turf.

For years we endured expensive and slow service from Comcast (Xfinity) because there was only one other provider in our urban area, and they had a reputation of being no better. It would be outrageous to adopt industry-written regulation that advantaged the existing giants over newcomers. We upgraded from Comcast DSL to a new fiber optic provider, Sonic, and receive better, faster service at a much cheaper price, with free VOIP phone service included. This is the market working at its best, which is what regulatory agencies such as the FCC are intended to foster.

Do not succumb to regulatory capture by the industry you regulate!

Sincerely

Michael Mitschang